



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2020**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 1907, RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

BEFORE THE:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

DATE: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 **TIME:** 11:00 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 423

TESTIFIER(S): Clare E. Connors, Attorney General, or
Michael Q.Y. Lau, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Aquino and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General offers the following comments on this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to prohibit someone from operating a helicopter for commercial purposes if the person does not possess a valid instrument rating from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The failure to comply with this requirement would subject the helicopter operator and the operator's employer to a misdemeanor charge.

The bill is subject to an air safety preemption challenge. The FAA was established to create a uniform and exclusive system of federal regulation in the field of air safety. *Air Trans. Ass'n of Am., Inc. v. Cuomo*, 520 F.3d 218, 224 (2d Cir. 2008). The FAA was created by Congress for the purpose of centralizing in a single authority the power to frame rules for the safe and efficient use of the nation's airspace. *Id.* Congress intended to occupy the entire field of air safety and field preemption applies to the area of air safety. *Goodspeed Airport LLC v. E. Haddam Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Comm'n*, 634 F.3d 206, 210 (2d Cir. 2011). Once Congress's intent is established, the court must look to the scope of the preemption to determine whether the state regulation sufficiently interferes with a federal regulation such that it should be deemed preempted. *Gade v. Nat'l Solid Wastes Mgmt. Ass'n*. 505 U.S. 88, 107 (1992).

The bill does not seek to enforce existing FAA regulations. Instead, section 1 on page 1, lines 5-11, would create a new, state-based requirement for commercial helicopter pilots and subject the pilot as well as the pilot's employer to a criminal penalty (assuming the employer is a natural person – a misdemeanor could not be assessed against a business entity). This is contrary to having a uniform and exclusive system of federal regulation in the field of air safety because the State would also be regulating the qualifications of commercial helicopter pilots operating within the State.

In addition, there is a federal grant assurance problem. The Airports and Airways Improvements Act of 1982, codified at 49 United States Code § 47107(a)(1), requires that airports receiving federal grant money must “be available for public use on reasonable conditions and without unjust discrimination.” See *R/T 182, LLC v. F.A.A.*, 519 F.3d 307, 309 (6th Cir. 2008). The state airport system has received federal grant money. The bill is discriminatory because it would require that in order to operate within the State, commercial helicopter pilots would be required to have a valid instrument rating from the FAA, whereas there is no such requirement for non-commercial helicopter pilots or fixed wing pilots.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR OF
HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
TRANSPORTATION**

**Wednesday, February 12, 2019
11:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 423**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1907
RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION**

House Bill 1907 proposes to prohibit the operation of a helicopter for commercial purposes without a valid instrument rating from the Federal Aviation Administration and subjects both the violating individual and the individual's employer to penalties. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure and offers the following comments.**

The Department's State Parks, Forest Reserves, Natural Area Reserves, and other public areas are being impacted by low flying helicopter air tours in such locations as Diamond Head State Monument on O'ahu and Hā'ena and Nā Pali State Parks on Kaua'i and most recently the natural area reserves of the mountains of West Kaua'i.

In some cases, these air tours may have safety implications as well as noise and wildlife implications which in turn impact the visitor experience for those at these locations.

The Department appreciates any consideration in curtailing these impacts.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

SUZANNE D. CASE
CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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STATE PARKS



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HAWAII STATE CAPITOL
CONFERENCE ROOM 423

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
HOUSE BILL 1907

Aloha Committee Members,

The Hawaii Helicopter Association opposes the language in HB 1907 that requires pilots operating helicopters in the state of Hawaii for commercial purposes to hold a valid instrument rating from the Federal Aviation Administration. This bill also proposes penalties to pilots and employers who violate this requirement.

We note, in language from SB3107 also introduced in the Hawaii State Legislature this session, "The legislature notes that its options for regulating air tourism are limited due to federal preemption. The state department of the attorney general, in its March 21, 2019, testimony before the State House Committee on the Judiciary, stated that "Congress, by its enactment of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended by the Noise Control Act of 1972, preempted state and local control over aircraft noise". At issue was proposed legislation that would, in part, make it unlawful for any person to operate certain air tourism aircraft within one mile of any residential neighborhood, except at certain times or on holidays. In the opinion of the department of the attorney general, the restriction in question fell "squarely within the type of aircraft regulation that the federal government has preempted"."

We oppose HB1907 because the Federal Aviation Administration's Federal Aviation Regulations do not require commercial helicopter pilots to be instrument rated in order to operate helicopters for hire under Visual Flight Rule (VFR) conditions. Additionally, there are no single-engine helicopters in the State of Hawaii equipped and certificated to operate under Instrument Flight Rules (IFR).

The Hawaii Helicopter Association is a non-profit organization that interacts with communities and local, state, and national government in order to ensure responsible helicopter operations in Hawaii.

HICoP Testimony for HB1907:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Representative Henry Aquino, Chair Representative Troy Hashimoto, Vice Chair

Committee Hearing Wednesday, February 12, 2020 State Capitol Conference Room
423 11:00 AM HOUSE BILL 1907 Relating to Transportation

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Hashimoto and Committee Members:

House Bill 1907, Relating to Tour Aircraft, provides that all commercial helicopter operators in the State shall be required to have a valid FAA-approved instrument flight rating: "§261- Helicopters; commercial purposes; instrument rating. (a) No person may operate a helicopter for commercial purposes within this State without a valid instrument rating from the Federal Aviation Administration. (b) Any individual who operates a helicopter in violation of this section and any employer for whom the individual operates the helicopter shall each be subject to penalties under section 261-21(a)(2)."

The HICoP Board asks you to support this bill for all the obvious and common sense reasons. The weather of Hawaii is influenced by the terrain, mountain/valley/shore and can change instantaneously. Deadly Hawaii tour copter crashes can attest to this.

Mandating IFR (Instrument Flight Rules) would have allowed the Kauai pilot to continue to fly safely in the sudden bad weather change that killed the 7 people in that horrific deadly totally unnecessary tour copter crash.

The HICoP Board also asks you add to this bill for the sake of common sense tour copter safety;

1. All tour copters operating in Hawaii be equipped with FAA approved flotation,
2. All tour copters operating in Hawaii be equipped with and have turned on ADS-B,
3. And for the protection of those on the ground tour copters be mandated to not allow their noise footprints enter occupied properties.

The HICoP Board supports completely the testimony of Michelle Matson.

The HICoP Board would like to recognize and Mahalo Hawaii Island Representatives Nakashima, Todd, San Buenventura and Lowen for cosponsoring this Bill. Where are the other Hawaii Island Representatives Onishi, Creagan and Tarnas. HICoP urges you to also becoming cosponsors of HB1907.

Mahalo for addressing the much needed safety oversight of the tour copter operators where as the FAA has totally abdicated all responsibilities and duties regarding the tour copter operations in Hawaii.

Mahalo,

Bob Ernst
President and Founding Board Member
For the HICoP Board



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HAWAII STATE CAPITOL
CONFERENCE ROOM 423

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
HOUSE BILL 1907

Aloha Committee Members,

Jack Harter Helicopters opposes the language in HB 1907 that requires pilots operating helicopters in the state of Hawaii for commercial purposes to hold a valid instrument rating from the Federal Aviation Administration. This bill also proposes penalties to pilots and employers who violate this requirement.

We oppose HB1907 because the Federal Aviation Administration's Federal Aviation Regulations do not require commercial helicopter pilots to be instrument rated in order to operate helicopters for hire under Visual Flight Rule (VFR) conditions. Additionally, there are no single-engine helicopters in the State of Hawaii equipped and certificated to operate under Instrument Flight Rules (IFR).

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Thank you for considering our testimony and we urge your committee to **oppose passage of HB1907** through your committee.

Casey Riemer
Special Project Manager

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Submitted on: 2/11/2020 7:22:30 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/12/2020 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Claudine Tomasa	Kailua Neighborhood Board#31	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony in Support of HB1907 Relating to Transportation -Commercial Helicopters; Operation; Instrument Rating; Penalty

Aloha Chair Henry Aquino, Vice Chair Troy Hashimoto, and members of the House Committee on Transportation.

My name is Claudine Tomasa I am a member of the Kailua Neighborhood Board #31 and I Chair the Committee on Public Safety Public Health and Civil Defense.

I am testifying in support of HB1907 which prohibits the operation of a helicopter for commercial purposes without a valid instrument rating from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Subject both a violating individual and an individual's employer to penalties.

The increased regulation serves to protect the safety of passengers and aircrew of commercial/tour helicopters as well as protecting the safety of people and property on the ground.

HB1907 will also ensure that commercial/tour helicopter pilots have the ability to make safe decisions when flying in weather conditions below the visual flight rules.

On April 29, 2019, Kailua experienced a fatal tour helicopter crash on Oneawa Street - the third tour helicopter crash in the Windward Oahu area within a six month period between October 28, 2019 and April 29, 2019. Many community members expressed serious concerns about public safety for people on the ground. Subsequently the Kailua Neighborhood Board formed a Subcommittee on Low Flying Helicopter Flights Over Kailua; and on September 5, 2019, the entire Kailua Neighborhood Board passed a Resolution Relating to Public Safety and Urgency To Support Stringent Regulations and Enforcement of Tour Aircraft Operations Over Kailua. Copies of the Resolution were distributed to our Elected Federal, State, and City Representatives.

In the interest of Public Safety, I urge members of the Transportation Committee to support and pass HB1907. Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of this Bill.



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February 12th, 2020

To: State of Hawaii Committee on Transportation
Conference Room 423, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

RE: HB1907

Dear Committee Members,

Magnum Helicopters opposes the language in HB 1907 that requires pilots operating helicopters in the state of Hawaii for commercial purposes to hold a valid instrument rating from the Federal Aviation Administration. This bill also proposes penalties to pilots and employers who violate this requirement.

Firstly, the ability of the any state or locality to legislate requirements for pilots or operators of aircraft is preempted by the federal government. All commercial aircraft operators must abide by federal regulations.

Secondly, even if this were made a requirement by the Federal Aviation Administration, Magnum Helicopters does not believe it would increase safety. It merely provides a false sense of security to the public without reducing any risk. The recent accident in Calabasas, California is a perfect example. The pilot was instrument rated and the aircraft was equipped to fly in instrument conditions, yet we all know the results.

We respectfully ask the committee to reject this bill.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas Froning". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Douglas Froning,
General Manager/Chief Pilot



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February 12th, 2020

To: State of Hawaii Committee on Transportation
Conference Room 423, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

RE: HB1907

Mauna Loa Helicopters opposes the language in HB 1907 that requires pilots operating helicopters in the state of Hawaii for commercial purposes to hold a valid instrument rating from the Federal Aviation Administration. This bill also proposes penalties to pilots and employers who violate this requirement.

Firstly, the ability of any state or locality to legislate requirements for pilots or operators of aircraft is preempted by the federal government. All commercial aircraft operators must abide by federal regulations - and there is currently no federal regulation requiring commercial helicopter pilots to have an instrument license.

Secondly, even if all commercial helicopter pilots were indeed instrument rated, there is no evidence to suggest that accidents such as the tragedy in Calabasas , California on January 26th 2020 from occurring. According to the NTSB and FAA records, the pilot in this accident held an FAA commercial certificate with ratings for helicopter and instrument helicopter, as well as an **FAA instructor certificate for flight (CFI), instructor instrument (CFII),** and ground instruction.

We respectfully request the committee reject this bill.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Heath", is written over a horizontal line.

Dan Heath
Director of Tour Operations
Mauna Loa Helicopter Tours
Hawaiian Islands

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Submitted on: 2/11/2020 10:07:24 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/12/2020 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Naomi Stefaney	Mauna Loa Helicopters	Oppose	No

Comments:

Hawaii does not have the authority to regulate air tourism due to Federal Pre-emption. The FAA regulates air tourism.



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11 February 2020

To: Representative Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair
Representative Troy N. Hashimoto, Vice Chair
Committee on Transportation

From: Calvin Dorn, CEO
Paradise Helicopters

Subject: Measure H.B. 1907
Hearing Date: 12 February 2020
Time: 11:00AM
Location: Conference Room 423, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

Bill Description: Prohibits the operation of a helicopter for commercial purposes without a valid instrument rating from the Federal Aviation Administration. Subject both a violating individual and an individual's employer to penalties.

Paradise Helicopters Position: OPPOSE

Aloha Chair Aquino and Representatives,

Paradise Helicopters OPPOSE H.B. 1907. The measure introduced will profoundly affect the helicopter industry for those who operate in the State of Hawai'i.

"Helicopters; commercial purposes; instrument rating. (a) No person may operate a helicopter for commercial purposes within this State without a valid instrument rating from the Federal Aviation Administration. (b) Any individual who operates a helicopter in violation of this section and any employer for whom the individual operates the helicopter shall each be subject to penalties under section 261-21 (a) (2)." (H.B. 1907, 4-11).



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As described in section a, legislators should review the following:

- 49 U.S.C. 40103 (a) (1) - The Federal Government, the Director of Transportation, and administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration has full authority of airspace.
"The United States Government has exclusive sovereignty of airspace of the United States."
- Federal law preempts the proposed measure. Article VI, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution Supremacy clause:
"This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof; and all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding."
- Define and understand what 'commercial purposes' mean, as defined by what Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) and specify what the intention will be directed to. If the 'commercial purpose' would only be intended for tour operations consider removing commercial purposes and add 14 CFR Part 136 as defined in Federal Aviation Standards.
- 14 CFR 61.65 which is the instrument rating requirements that would be the requirement pertaining to H.B. 1907.

We all feel when an accident occurs in the aviation community, our heart goes out when any aviation accident occurs. We pray for those affected by it. The unfortunate tragedy of, Jan. 26, 2020, with a Sikorsky S-76B is an example of a flight with an instrument rated pilot, in an instrument rated aircraft, still having an accident is that regulations and mechanisms designed to address potential issues can create unattended consequences. This bill forces the pilots and companies to obtain certifications that are not necessary for 14 CFR Part 136 operations, rather than screen against inexperienced or non-proficient pilots.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2020 11:28:47 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/12/2020 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chenielle Kauanoie Quiacusan	Paradise Helicopters Inc	Oppose	No

Comments:

The company as a whole puts safety first always. From the top level executives to the line crew detailing the helicopter our procedures are followed and in place to mitigate and manage risk in our daily operations. Instrument ratings may enhance our program but should not be a requirement.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2020 10:40:53 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/12/2020 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Larry Veray	Pearl City Neighborhood Board Chair	Support	No

Comments:

The Pearl City Neighborhood Board is in total support to this bill as reflected in our Board Resolution on Tour Helicopters.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2020 12:16:00 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/12/2020 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
G. Richard Schuman	Schuman Aviation Company Ltd	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Committee Members, Schuman Aviation Company Ltd opposes the language in HB 1907 that requires pilots operating helicopters in the state of Hawaii for commercial purposes to hold a valid instrument rating from the Federal Aviation Administration. This bill also proposes penalties to pilots and employers who violate this requirement.

Firstly, the ability of the any state or locality to legislate requirements for pilots or operators of aircraft is preempted by the federal government. All commercial aircraft operators must abide by federal regulations.

Secondly, even if this were made a requirement by the Federal Aviation Administration, Schuman Aviation Company Ltd does not believe it would increase safety. It merely provides a false sense of security to the public without reducing any risk. The recent accident in Calabasas, California is a perfect example. The pilot was instrument rated and the aircraft was equipped to fly in instrument conditions, yet we all know the results. We respectfully ask the committee to reject this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Feb. 12, 2020

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I whole heartedly support HB1907 requiring all Hawaii commercial tour helicopter pilots be instrument rated. The fact they've flown paying passengers all these years with Visual Flight Rule ratings is shocking. These helicopter pilots are also the only pilots in commercial aviation, with paying passengers, not required to be instrument rated. It makes no good sense. No sense at all.

An instrument rated pilot can safely fly in troublesome low to no visibility conditions a Visual pilot cannot. Even when a pilot loses the horizon in rapidly changing weather, the ability to still fly on instruments provides an enormous margin of safety that VFR pilots can't provide.

VFR ratings are adequate for private civil aviation, but as soon as there's commerce, like paying passengers, it becomes a commercial operation that automatically warrants that all commercial pilots be instrument rated. Instrument pilots can fly virtually anywhere on instruments alone. Visual pilots cannot, and are much more limited in where they can safely fly. There's no margin of error, because if they can't see, they can't fly the aircraft. It's that simple and what gets innocent people killed.

Respectfully submitted by Keith Caywood (Member of Oahu Tour Helicopter Safety and Noise Inter-Action Group and Participant of Kaimuki Neighborhood Board.)

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Submitted on: 2/10/2020 7:58:50 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/12/2020 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lauren Douglas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha Representatives,

I, Lauren Douglas, resident of Kealahou, OPPOSE H.B. 1907. The measure introduced will profoundly affect the helicopter industry for those who operate in the State of Hawai'i.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2020 7:31:13 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/12/2020 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ben Fouts	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am sure that those who introduced this bill have no piloting experience in helicopters. To make a law without adequate knowledge of the current regulations in place is reckless. An instrument rating for the pilots in the recent accidents would not have changed the outcome. The helicopter is not equipped for or approved for instrument meteorological conditions. Making a pilot have a rating for an aircraft not equipped is like asking a person to fill a swimming pool and giving him a hammer to do it. It really doesn't make sense.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2020 10:21:23 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/12/2020 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kahealani Gomes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill because there is no guarantee, even with instrument rated pilots, that we can prevent an accident. Accidents usually occur from poor judgement, not adhering to safety rules put in place, and not making wise judgment calls when conditions prove poor. In the case of the Jan 26, 2020 accident, that was an instrument rated pilot, in an instrument rated aircraft that still experienced an accident. FAA reports confirm that it was solely the pilots personal discretion to choose to fly into poor conditions against advice of tower. Keeping pilots in VFR would force them to not be able to fly in poor visibility, especially just taking off from home airports. In IFR conditions, current VFR rules prevent tour helicopters from taking off from an airport where weather is present, if IFR conditions present. Taking off in IFR conditions are dangerous and increase the probability of an accident.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2020 7:10:45 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/12/2020 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daniel Heath	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose the language in HB 1907 that requires pilots operating helicopters in the state of Hawaii for commercial purposes to hold a valid instrument rating from the Federal Aviation Administration. This bill also proposes penalties to pilots and employers who violate this requirement.

I oppose HB1907. I note, in language from SB3107 also introduced in the Hawaii State Legislature this session, "The legislature notes that its options for regulating air tourism are limited due to federal preemption. The state department of the attorney general, in its March 21, 2019, testimony before the State House Committee on the Judiciary, stated that "Congress, by its enactment of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended by the Noise Control Act of 1972, preempted state and local control over aircraft noise". At issue was proposed legislation that would, in part, make it unlawful for any person to operate certain air tourism aircraft within one mile of any residential neighborhood, except at certain times or on holidays. In the opinion of the department of the attorney general, the restriction in question fell "squarely within the type of aircraft regulation that the federal government has preempted"."

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Submitted on: 2/11/2020 8:20:47 AM

Testimony for TRN on 2/12/2020 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bronsten Kossow	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Aloha Chair Aquino and Representatives,

Please oppose this bill which targets the helicopter industry with mechanisms that would do little and gain more false security. Will the legislators take fault for allowing a regulation that could tamper a pilots decision that may lead to an incident?

H.B. 1907 is vague in its interpretation for specific regulations adjacent to the Flight Aviation Regulations that are given by the true governing agency the Federal Aviation Administration, which governs the airspace. H.B. 1907 would violate the US Constitution Supremecy Clause, and therefore the State of Hawai'i if this legislation were to pass could face a lawsuit in the State Supreme Court.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2020 1:12:02 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/12/2020 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Debra Laeha	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As tour helicopter operators have often conceded, weather patterns in Hawaii are dangerously unpredictable. Storm, wind and rain conditions can change at a moment's notice. This is especially true on the Windward side of the Island. With the constant cloud cover and rainy conditions, it is inconceivable and professionally negligent that commercial tour helicopter pilots are allowed to fly over our communities without instrument certification. For the sake of us on the ground, as well as the passengers aboard these commercial helicopters...PLEASE PASS THIS BILL!

Bruce Lum
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February 11, 2020

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
THE 30TH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2020

RE: In strong support of House Bill 1907

Aloha kākou Chair Aquino, Vice-Chair and committee members,

My name is Bruce Lum, I am a great grandfather, a registered voter, a homeowner, and a taxpayer residing in Aiea. I appreciate the opportunity to testify at this hearing.

Amidst a growing concern about the inadequate regulation of commercial air tours in Hawaii, U.S. Rep. Ed Case noted that 21 individuals were killed in Hawaii in three accidents in 2019 alone, which should “spark unanimous concern” for the basic safety of these operations.

I urge this honorable committee to also take up the torch to protect the public and visitors by acting to adopt HB1907 and send a hopeful message to all that Hawai‘i concurs with Rep. Ed Case’s [“Safe and Quiet Skies Act”](#) to address growing concerns about the inadequate regulation of commercial air tours in Hawaii.

Case’s proposed “Safe and Quiet Skies Act” would direct the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), which has virtually exclusive jurisdiction over such aircraft, to adopt tighter safety recommendations long advanced by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB).

On December 26, 2019, an Airbus AS350 B2 helicopter operated by Safari Helicopters was destroyed by impact forces and a post-crash fire after striking a cliff face in Koke‘e. The crash killed all on board. Of the 7 killed, The NTSB report following the tragedy says adverse weather conditions was a factor in the Kaua‘i helicopter crash that killed 7.

The six passengers who died due to fatal injuries from the crash were identified as visitors from two families:

1. Sylvie Winteregg, 50, Christophe Winteregg, 49, Alice Winteregg, 13, and Agathe Winteregg, 10, of Switzerland
2. Amy Gannon, 47, and Jocelyn Gannon, 13, of Madison, Wis.

According to a preliminary report from the National Transportation Safety Board, it was in heavy rain and fog at the time the tour helicopter crashed into the cliff face on Kauai. “The weather at the closest official weather observation station — Barking Sands Pacific Missile

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Range Facility — about 9 miles from the crash site, reported winds at 12 to 25 knots, 10 miles of visibility and broken clouds at an elevation of 3,400 and 4,700 feet.”

“The The helicopter had left Lihue Airport at 4:31 p.m. on Dec. 26 under **visual flight rules**, meaning **the pilot would fly based on sight without instruments**. It was the pilot’s eighth and last scheduled 50- minute aerial tour flight of the day. **The helicopter did not have flight tracking equipment on board**, so its exact flight path remains unknown.”

Robert Katz, a commercial pilot and certified flight instructor, said based on information in the report, it appeared the pilot encountered rapidly changing weather he was not qualified to handle.

Rep. Case expressed his personal dismay and concern by saying, “A pilot flying his eighth 50-minute tour in one day, without instrument certification and flying in a rough and variable terrain, rapidly changing weather environment, on visual flight rules only. According to a close-by witness and other observations, probably in ‘20 ft visibility in rain and fog.’ No flight tracking equipment aboard.”

In the decades of growing aerial tours on all islands it has been a decade’s norm for commercial tour pilots to fly by visual flight rules (flying based on sight without instruments) as many pilots learned to do during the Vietnam War. Very necessary and acceptable during war, but this practice is not necessary or acceptable during peace time.

“Following these recent tragedies in Kailua and at Dillingham Air Field, which are not isolated instances nationally, the NTSB, which is responsible for investigating accidents but not for direct safety regulation, strongly suggested to the FAA that safety-related regulation of commercial tour helicopters and small aircraft skydiving operations is generally insufficient. Clearly the FAA should now follow the NTSB’s lead before any more lives are lost.”

“These tragedies occurred amidst a rapid increase in commercial helicopter and small plane overflights of all parts of Hawai’i including residential, commercial and industrial neighborhoods, cemeteries and memorials, land and marine parks and other recreation areas, and sensitive military installations. These have disrupted whole communities with excessive noise and other impacts, destroyed the peace and sanctity of special places, increased risk to not only passengers but those on the ground, and weakened security and management of defense operations.”

“This current situation is not acceptable for both safety and community impact concerns. Regarding ground disruption and risk, the FAA takes the position that its responsibility is strictly operational safety and national airspace efficiency and does not extend to ground disruption and other negative impacts.”

“As a result, the operators, aside from strict takeoff and approach, avoidance of established flight paths and other limited circumstances, are virtually free to fly wherever, whenever and as often as they want. And they do, with little to no self-regulation.”

Bruce Lum
99-546 Iwaiwa Street
Aiea, Hawaii 96701

Case noted 21 individuals were killed in Hawaii in three accidents in 2019 alone, which should “spark unanimous concern” for the basic safety of these operations.

“Yet the air tour helicopter and small aircraft industry buries its head in the sand, claims all is well and refuses to acknowledge any concern or need to change, compounded by the Federal Aviation Administration, which is supposed to be ensuring safety, claiming that there is no reason to suspect any general industry concern,” he said. “The tragedy is not only the loss of life but the industry’s position ... an open invitation to further tragedies that very well might strike not only those in the air (but) the million-plus on the ground that they fly over repeatedly every day.”

I have lived in my Aiea home for over 58 years and the tour aircraft flying directly over my house has increased from a handful of military helicopters and occasional emergency aircraft over the first 27 years. The present commercial aircraft and helicopter count is as high as 20/hr from 6:45a to 7:45p every day. That means 260 total aircraft over my house from just one of 3 flight tracks daily during the summer. My estimate of an average number of commercial aircraft over my house is 300 to 320 per day, every day, coming from a minimum 3 tracks daily.

In conclusion, I strongly support House Bill 1907 and urge your committee’s adoption of this Bill today.

Mahalo for your kind attention.

Bruce Lum

HB-1907

Submitted on: 2/10/2020 11:24:54 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/12/2020 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sharlene Chun Lum	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Hashimoto and Committee Members:

I support House Bill 1907, Relating to Tour Aircraft, that calls for all commercial helicopter operators in the State to be required to have a valid FAA-approved instrument flight rating: "§261- Helicopters; commercial purposes; instrument rating. (a) No person may operate a helicopter for commercial purposes within this State without a valid instrument rating from the Federal Aviation Administration. (b) Any individual who operates a helicopter in violation of this section and any employer for whom the individual operates the helicopter shall each be subject to penalties under section 261-21(a)(2)."

This requirement will provide for better trained pilots who will hopefully be more equipped to protect those in the aircraft as well as the safety of those on the ground. Given that our islands are often subject to changes in weather, it is important that commercial helicopter operators be able to use all the tools available (such as instrumentation) to safely complete their tours.

In less than a year--from April 2019 to January 2020, 3 separate crashes have taken too many lives and in one case, endangered citizens when the copter crashed in a populated Kailua neighborhood. I lived in Kailua on Kalama Street and that helicopter crashed on I street I regularly drove on. I now live in Halawa and we have helicopters flying over our neighborhood multiple times in an hour, from early morning to late at night. It is important to me that those operating the commercial helicopters have proper training as is proposed in HB1907.

Please pass this bill.

Mahalo,

Shar Chun-Lum

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Representative Henry Aquino, Chair

Representative Troy Hashimoto, Vice Chair

Committee Hearing

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

State Capitol Conference Room 423

11:00 AM

HOUSE BILL 1907

Relating to Transportation

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Hashimoto and Committee Members:

House Bill 1907, Relating to Tour Aircraft, provides that all commercial helicopter operators in the State shall be required to have a valid FAA-approved instrument flight rating:

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(b) Any individual who operates a helicopter in violation of this section and any employer for whom the individual operates the helicopter shall each be subject to penalties under section 261-21(a)(2)."

This requirement when included under Hawai'i Revised Statutes Section 261 will help ensure tour helicopter operator compliance with federal regulations to better protect those in the aircraft as well as the safety of those on the ground.

The fact that commercial helicopter operators fly absent instrument certification requirements cannot be ignored, and three recent multi-fatality helicopter crashes illustrate the glaring necessity for valid instrument rating:

- April 29, 2019 – a Novictor Helicopters tour helicopter crashed in downtown Kailua on O'ahu, with three (3) fatalities;
- December 26, 2019 – a Safari Helicopters tour helicopter crashed into a Kaua'i cliff face, with seven (7) fatalities including three (3) children;
- January 26, 2020 – an Island Express charter helicopter crashed in Southern California, with nine (9) fatalities including two (3) children.

These helicopters were operated under only visual flight rules (VFR) in overcast conditions. If the commercial helicopter operators had been instrument flight rated and required to abide by instrument flight rules (IFR), vastly different and far less devastating outcomes would have been possible.

From October 2018 to date, commercial and tour helicopter crashes and emergencies in Hawai'i alone have flashed a clear message that significant protective action must be implemented:

- October 22, 2018- Novictor Robinson-44 crash at Kaneohe Bay recreational sand bar;
- February 21, 2019- K&S Hughes-369E crash in Waipio Valley, Hawai'i Island;
- April 16, 2019- K&S Hughes-369E in Sacred Falls State Park, Oah'u;
- April 29, 2019- Novictor Robinson-44 crash with 3 fatalities on a Kailua town street;

- May 21, 2019- Schuman “Magnum” Hughes-369D emergency landing in Diamond Head National Natural Landmark and State Historic Monument crater park with 3,300 daily visitors;
- December 26, 2019 - Safari Eurocopter-AS350 crash with 7 fatalities on a Kauai cliff face near the Na Pali Coast.

Additionally in 2016, a fatal tour helicopter crash occurred near the USS Arizona memorial and Pearl Harbor nuclear submarine base.

We can no longer risk tour helicopters crashing and burning in Hawai‘i’s communities and neighborhoods or within protected natural reserves and coastal defense areas.

Adverse weather conditions was a factor in the Kauai helicopter crash:
<https://www.staradvertiser.com/2020/01/16/hawaii-news/ntsb-says-adverse-weather>

NTSB Crash Site Video
<https://www.ktvu.com/video/648897>
“NTSB releases new video of helicopter crash site”

How Many More? How Many Children?
<https://www.ktvu.com/video/648728>
“Discussing tragedy with children”

Thank you for considering the above support for HB 1907. Please pass this Bill.

Sincerely,
Michelle S. Matson

O‘ahu Tour Helicopter Safety and Noise Inter-Action Group
Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board #5
DLNR Diamond Head Citizens Advisory Committee

HB-1907

Submitted on: 2/11/2020 1:05:32 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/12/2020 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charles Prentiss	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The current spate of tour helicopter accidents is unacceptable. It is obvious that tour helicopter safety must be improved so that future accidents could be avoided or minimized.

A number of these tragic accidents have been weather related. As a retired instrument flight rated helicopter pilot for the Hawaii National Guard, I find it unconscionable that tour helicopter pilots are not required to be instrument flight rated. Once a visual flight rated pilot inadvertently enters a cloud, they don't know their location or the attitude of the helicopter. They are a danger to all on board and on the ground as well.

In addition to current proposals to modify flight routes, our Legislature should actively support increasing tour safety by introducing a requirement for tour helicopter pilots to be instrument flight rated.

HB-1907

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Testimony for TRN on 2/12/2020 11:00:00 AM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Casey Riemer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I work for a helicopter charter, tour, and utility operator on Kauai. I oppose the language in House Bill 1907 that would require commercial helicopter pilots in Hawaii to have an instrument rating. The determination of such pilot requirements is the solely the responsibility of the Federal Aviation Administration.

HB-1907

Submitted on: 2/10/2020 6:59:01 PM

Testimony for TRN on 2/12/2020 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott Smart	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

Before spending time and effort on this bill, I recommend the committee obtain an advisory opinion from the Attorney General on the question "Does the Federal Aviation Act preempt state regulation of helicopter/rotorcraft operations?" and only proceed if there is a likelihood that it does not.

The use of terms in the bill seems inconsistent with those of the Federal Aviation Regulations Part 135 which I assume this bill seeks to amend.

I strongly **SUPPORT** bill HR1907 to develop, update and introduce policies related to Helicopter Air Tours.

LATE

1. There are NO established FAA routes for Tour Helicopters.

Helicopter Tour Co. are in the sightseeing business and charge customers for this service. As a for-profit business their routes are defined by the shortest path between tour destinations to provide the lowest cost fares. Also, the quicker the tour route is completed the more tours are possible per day.

2. A 1994 study sponsored by the Hawaii Department of Transportation was published by UH Professor Panos Prevedourous.

This report shows that Helicopter **NOISE** has the **LOUDEST** impact of all types of noise in our community.

Fast moving low flying Helicopters on cloudy days over hard terrane produce the greatest degree of noise due to the reflection of the sound between the clouds and hard surfaces.

Helicopter tours customers pay to have a good views. Hawaii is the only state which allows a minimum altitude of 500 feet above ground over residential communities during cloudy weather. Therefore, most of the time they operate at **MINIMUM** altitudes. The pilots want to complete the route quickly, therefore operates at near **MAXIMUM** speeds. Hawaii Island is volcanic and our ground is **HARD**. Also, located at a higher elevations we have more **CLOUDY** then sunny day per year.

Tour Helicopters produce the greatest noise of any other equipment operated in our community due to the nature of their business.

3. Noise Frequency

- a. "Noise annoys, awakens, angers and frustrates people" as published in the State of Hawaii (DOH) Noise Reference Manual.

Tour helicopters are not equipped with modern transponders and programs such as Flightaware cannot track their movement.

Based on self-reporting, during 2017 the Hawaii Volcano National Park had more than 15,000 sightseeing overflights and each were charged a park entrance fee. This translates into an average of 80 flights in/out the park daily over residential communities.

Daryl Soares

HICoP



Comments

CHANGE.ORG - Hawaii Island Residents are asking for relief!

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Sharon Lee	Pāhoa, HI	2017-06-23	Please let us stop the madness of tour helicopters who have invaded and interrupted our lives with their money hungry attitude and disregard for the health and welfare of the people on land that they fly over in excess of 100 times per day. That works out to one flight every three minutes all day long.
Kat Thomason	Tappan, NY	2017-06-23	It is inhumane to subject people to this ceaseless helicopter noise.
Isis Albright	Hilo, HI	2017-06-23	I am constantly bombarded by tour helicopters. There is no peace in my home. There is NO NEED to fly over peaceful residents not the name of profit. Helicopter companies refuse to be pono despite constant requests over many many years. It is time to legislate and regulate. Ps in the time it took to write this 3 have flown over my home. LOUD. Not pono
daryl soares	Hilo, HI	2017-06-24	We suffer here on the Big Island from constant helicopter noise created by hundreds of over flights by air tour companies going back and forth to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.
daryl soares	Hilo, HI	2017-06-24	EVERY NIGHT, JUST BEFORE I FALL ASLEEP, ALL I HEAR IS THE WHINE OF THE MD500 IN MY HEAD BECAUSE THEY FLY SO LOW AND ARE SO LOAD OVER US ALL DAY LONG.AIR TOUR OPERATORS TELL RESIDENTS "THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO FLY OVER OUR HOMES AS MANY TIMES AS THEY LIKE." THEY STATE: "WE ARE DOING NOTHING ILLEGAL."
Geoffrey Last	Pahoa, HI	2017-06-24	I live here
Penny Shaver	Pāhoa, HI	2017-06-24	I live in the neighborhood they fly over. Very disturbing for some of our PTSD vets!!!
donald carpenter	Honolulu, HI	2017-06-24	the helicopter NOIES is a real problem, we need help
Kathie Griffeth	captain cook, HI	2017-06-24	I live in Ocean View. Multiple times a day we have helicopters well below the 1000 foot limit. We hear them, see them, wave (or salute), but no care. Our animals freak out, no care. The almighty tourist dollar means NOTHING to us, so take your high dollar choppers out to sea.
Pv B	mountain view, HI	2017-06-24	Tour helicopter noise is incessant and near constant and is a continuing nuisance depriving me of the use and enjoyment of my property. The copters need to fly an offshore route.
Jan Watson	Hakalau, HI	2017-06-24	I live in a flight path...
Steven Jacquier	Pāhoa, HI	2017-06-24	Helicopter operators are making millions of dollars a year yet I have never once seen a helicopter company put any money back into the community; no sponsorships, no scholarships, no community improvement grants, nothing. There are times when the helicopters fly significantly below the required 500 feet above houses and livestock, yet there is no response to complaints let

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			alone enforcement of existing regulations. On days when a family member is ill and trying to rest having helicopters blasting over the house (which upsets animals and causes them to bark or squawk or yowl) dozens of times is quite frustrating. Probably they "donate" (that is the proper term for bribe, kickback, and pay-off, right?) the big bucks to Schatz, Hirono, and Hanabusa so that makes it all good. Yep.
Bradley Duell	Kailua Kona, HI	2017-06-24	I TOTALLY support this. So many times I have gone to Volcanoes Park and had to endure helicopter after helicopter after helicopter after helicopter go over and disturb the sacred peace of Kilauea.
Maria Bos	Steenwijk, OV, The Netherlands, Netherlands	2017-06-24	enough reasons are mentioned to have peace in Hawaii without all that noise.
Kauilapele Kona	Kihei, HI	2017-06-24	I support this. Many times I have gone to Volcano National Park and heard an stream of helicopter after helicopter disturb the sacred peace of Kilauea. To me, and anyone else who does ceremony at Kilauea and recognizes it as Pele's domain, this is something that NEEDS to end, in my view.
Jim Gerlach	Winston-Salem, NC	2017-06-24	Helicopters desecrate the sacredness of the island and interfere with the silence of those on the mainland.
william Hunter	Milwaukee, WI	2017-06-24	My land at 16-1770 37th Street is directly under their flight path. Every ten minutes...
Kathleen Robinson	Smyrna, GA	2017-06-24	This area is sacred as well as home to many. Please stop these helicopters from disturbing it. Thank you.
Frederick Warshauer	Volcano, HI	2017-06-24	Much of Hawaii Island suffers from the frequent noise from the air tour industry flying tourists over the quiet forests, parks and residential areas of the island without any considerations for those below. Any other noise making industry seems to have some sort of regulation, so it is time to regulate where these tour helicopters can and cannot fly. The industry and its clients come from other places, but we residents have to bear the obnoxious noise and attitude of the air tour industry day after day. No place is it worse than over the extensive residential subdivisions of Puna, where the majority of their flight path lengths are right over residences. The industry and its impacts continue to expand, with absolutely no regard for us residents. Regulate their flight paths to off shore.
Armand Rivas	Missoula, MT	2017-06-24	I live in papaikou and constantly have helectoptors flying over my house. :(
Christine Gower	West Sussex, England, UK	2017-06-24	Everyone has a right to a quiet life, it's inconceivable that you should feel it's okay to people with sound pollution in the name of greed.
Jane Hoffman	Highland Lakes, NJ	2017-06-24	Please have helicopters fly offshore.Thank you
Albert Meyer	Yarmouth, ME	2017-06-24	I care.

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Rudi Stade	Huntsville, Ontario, Canada	2017-06-24	Is it too much to ask to be able to visit a place so beautiful and sacred without having to yell to each other over the racket of choppers overhead like so many mosquitos? Is nothing sacred anymore?
Jim Peavey	Smyrna, GA	2017-06-24	I've taken rides over some of the islands of Hawaii. There is no need to fly over all of the inland. Fly around an island and then fly into national forrest areas only, unpopulated areas.We impose sounds barriers around airpots. These islands are very small. The people of these islands need to be protected.
Lani Howell	Honolulu, HI	2017-06-24	Blue Hawaii helicopters are noisy, window-rattling menaces in our neighborhood in Waimea!
Makua Maipono	Haiku, HI	2017-06-24	Maui, also, is plagued by Helicopter Tours. The irony is: Haleakala Crater is supposed to be one of the "Quietest Places on Earth".
Glen Larsen	Lancaster, CA	2017-06-24	This is annoying all who live in this section of the island.
Gary Hollister	Scottsdale, AZ	2017-06-24	When I visit Hawaii, I too am disturbed by all the helicopter's and resultant noise in this island paradise. If tourists want to see Hawaii from the air, do like we do in Arizona - take a quiet hot air balloon ride! Thanks for your consideration.
tom piergrossi	keaaau, HI	2017-06-24	It's relentless, annoying and unnecessary
Michele Morgan	Seattle, WA	2017-06-24	It is the right solution to be for the Kingdom of Hawaii. #####曆No fly overs of disturbance. And so it is! Peace out!
Linda Evans	Kalaheo, HI	2017-06-24	There is way too much noise and interference in modern life....and these helicopters are a plague....More silence and peace is needed, Please stop the excessive helicopter flying; have mercy on the people/animals etc.
Patricia Matilda Tompson	Kamuela, HI	2017-06-24	The helicopters feel intrusive and are disruptive. Off shore seems like a reasonable solution.
Jason Blair	Kamuela, HI	2017-06-24	Its not just Volcanoes National Park, it everywhere on the island! They circle around Akaka Falls and do circles over my home with no regard for anyone on the ground.
Jill Lawrence	or, OR	2017-06-25	PLEASE, do the right thing. Your Mama will be proud :)
Candis Dow	Mountain View, HI	2017-06-25	I have helicopters flying over my home.Some times as early as 8 am and as late as 6 pm. Many times too low and some times about two minutes apart. I hang out my laundry, they are there, I garden, they are there, I have friends over for a BBQ and we have to yell because they are there. The dogs in the neighborhood bark because they are there. I, as many others, don't want them there. I will find myself becoming so full of anxiety. They interfere EVERY DAY with my life. The animals lives. My community. There must be a solution. So many years.

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Makua Maipono	Haiku, HI	2017-06-25	Unnecessary, Destructive and Profit driven. These must STOP!! Maui also is plagued by Helicopter Tours, especially over Haleakala which is ironically dubbed "the Quietest place on Earth"
Don Diehl	pahoa, HI	2017-06-25	Living the last twenty years here in Hawaiian Paradise Park I can attest to the unreal noise. Yesterday starting at six a.m . Christmas or any day for that matter is interrupted by teeth chattering noise. It is totally fucked. Please help us this once. Put people over money if you know how.
Leslea Soares	Hilo, HI	2017-06-25	The helicopters fly too low!
Katie Herrick	Papaikou, HI	2017-06-25	They are constantly over my house
Heather Irwin	Salem, OR	2017-06-25	When did money become more important than the aina and people's well being? Shameful!
James Grazzini	Pahoa, HI	2017-06-25	I am tired of hearing the helicopters flying by every 10-15 minutes all day long
Dankest Vibe	Beverly Hills, CA	2017-06-25	Shout out to Kauilapele's Blog! https://kauilapele.wordpress.com Aloha!
Dorian Weisel	Honokaa, HI	2017-06-25	The irresponsible, care nothing about those that are adversely impacted by their tours, behavior of the helicopter industry on the Big Island of Hawaii must stop
David Hill	Pāhoa, HI	2017-06-25	I'm sick and tired of these helicopters flying right over my home daily.
Ginger Vogler	Kailua-Kona, HI	2017-06-25	Are visitor dollars more important than cutting back noise pollution for residents? More shameless gutting quality of life in order to line political pockets???
Wil Barbero	Kahului, HI	2017-06-25	Excessive noise has harmful effects. Peace and quiet, please!
Ryan Lewis	Hilo, HI	2017-06-25	I am a homeowner in Hilo and I think it is an invasion of privacy and the peace of our residents to have these helicopters flying over our homes, especially with the frequency that they are.
Jeanne kozuch	Tucson, AZ	2017-06-25	The increased helicopter noise is robbing me from the enjoying the livelihood in my own home.
Tara Paulus	Sebastopol, CA	2017-06-25	Noise is pollution. Stop polluting the air and space over the big Island.
Bodhi Anderson	Hilo, HI	2017-06-25	There is no need for helicopter tours to fly over our homes during their tours. The off shore route is beautiful and respects the lives of the people who live here.
Alberto Guerrero	Tracy, CA	2017-06-25	I am against placing profits over human and Natures needs.
Arthur Steele	Keaau, HI	2017-06-25	My neighbors are offended by these flights.

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William Steiger	Mountain View, HI	2017-06-25	Mahalo for signing! The Sierra Club wrote a great article about this back in 1995- twenty-two years ago;http://vault.sierraclub.org/planet/199412/ftr-copter.asp
William Steiger	Mountain View, HI	2017-06-25	Lots of damage being observed in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park;http://www.environment-hawaii.org/?p=3817It's been going on for a very long time. Mahalo for signing!
William Steiger	Mountain View, HI	2017-06-25	The Sierra Club wrote a great article about this way back in 1995;http://vault.sierraclub.org/planet/199412/ftr-copter.aspLots of damage to our national park from these over flights as documented by a park biologist back in 1993-twenty-four years ago;http://www.environment-hawaii.org/?p=3817Mahalo for signing!
William Steiger	Mountain View, HI	2017-06-25	The Sierra Club wrote a great article about this way back in 1995;http://vault.sierraclub.org/planet/199412/ftr-copter.aspLots of damage continuing to our national park from these over flights as documented by a park biologist back in 1993-twenty-four years ago;http://www.environment-hawaii.org/?p=3817Mahalo for signing!
Pamela Kerschner	Denver, CO	2017-06-25	Other places i know are really degraded by helicopter noise - including the canyons around Sedona AZ and Bryce National Park. This technology needs to be muffled drastically to be acceptable to most humans under the helicopters. This noise is stressful for life. Its too much. So I can appreciate Hawaii's problem with helicopter noise.
Russ Underwood	Hilo, HI	2017-06-25	I'm signing because my neighborhood is becoming unlivable. On May 17th 2017. I personally counted 62 helioper passes over my house in Hilo between 8am and 6pm. I challenge ANY politician to endure that level of noise pollution without taking action. The Big Island needs to reclaim the serenity we have clearly lost....
Darlene Guerra	Kailua, HI	2017-06-26	My home is in Fern Acres, Puna District. It is time for regulation of looking down at people and noise. Thank you.
David Makizuru	Volcano, HI	2017-06-26	Annoyed with helicopter noise early in the morning
N A	Honolulu, HI	2017-06-26	I immensely dislike having helicopters flying over my home and down my street unless they are rescue oriented or with the military, police, or fire department. It is especially creepy when I google my street address and see how much of my home and my privacy has been exposed to the public, so having helicopters flying overhead feels like an invasion of my privacy. Mahalo.

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Nina Decker	Los Angeles, CA	2017-06-26	My family and I live in Papa'aloa, and helicopter noise / traffic is almost daily. We live here for privacy and to enjoy a peaceful lifestyle. Please don't fly over our homes. Mahalo!
Mary Ann Saindon	Keaau, HI	2017-06-26	I am signing because of the constant loud noise over my property. Also I consider this an invasion of my privacy.
Dexter Williams	Pāhoa, HI	2017-06-26	Sometimes we have helicopters one after the other for hours on end. The noise is so loud that we cant even talk on the phone. On other islands people have succeeded in making tour companies be re reasonable. Lets do it here.
Jeremy Bracken	Kurtistown, HI	2017-06-27	The helicopters fly low over our Kurtistown Puna Hawaii farm causing us and our livestock & pets stress anxiety and diminished quality of life
Shannon Herrington	Hilo, HI	2017-06-27	As I'm signing this guess what's loudly flying over my house. #
Michelle Shuey	Erie, PA	2017-06-28	I live in the helicopter zone and it is truly annoying.
grigor fedan	Ninole, HI	2017-06-28	Noise pollution is spoiling our island and helicopters are a big component.
graceson ghenq	Hilo, HI	2017-06-28	I am sick and tired of being harrassed by low flying helicopters!
Chens Haa	Keaau, HI	2017-06-29	Tired of the constant noise at all times of the day especially the early morning hours and from extremely low flying helicopters.
Keala Pascua	Mountain View, HI	2017-06-29	It becomes irritating to hear helicopters over our house when our daughter is getting ready to take a nap or when we just walk out in our yard to enjoy nature but that's all you hear is the helicopters
Bonnie Terry	Keaau, HI	2017-06-29	I live in Hawaiian Paradise Park and helicopters fly over my house many times a day on their way to see the lava. I feel that a flight plan that goes out over the ocean would be nice for the tourists, and also give us peace and quiet, privacy and would be safer for the residents
Donna Walters	Show Low, AZ	2017-06-29	My friends has these fly over her house several times a day! Very noisy. Must be a less intrusive route.
Susan Sodan	Graham, NC	2017-06-29	There are multiple helicopters in the air over my home at ant given time during the summer. They are loud and obtrusive. This is a residential area. This needs to stop. There is absolutely no concern for the people whose lives are disrupted due to the noise and theft of our feeling of privacy.
Linda Sexton	Waynesville, NC	2017-06-29	Noise is detrimental to well being. Changing the flight path to the ocean instead of the land would bring peace to the land. Easy fix.
Nina Bersamina	san jose, CA	2017-06-29	I'm such of them flying above my house, our lack of privacy because of their intrusive flight patterns. We are not their tourist attraction
kris wilhelmsen	Pahoa, HI	2017-06-29	The cost of equipping these helicopters to fly over water, and the raised insurance rates, are a fraction of the amount that

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			tje companies are taking in from tourism. The greed of these companies indicates how little they care for the people of hawaii. If they cared at all about the Hawaiian community, these companies would be lobbying for new legislation, rather and than the people being impacted. Shame on these companies!
Robbie Mcgrath	Aiea, HI	2017-06-29	noise level, disruption, and health issues
Samantha Mcguire	Pāhoa, HI	2017-06-30	Agree with the residents!
Vickie VanFechtman	Pāhoa, HI	2017-06-30	I am signing because the heavy flight traffic over our neighborhoods adversely effects our peaceful homes. Too much noise! Take the helicopters off the coast.
Mary Miller	Keaau, HI	2017-06-30	Really cannot understand why they need to fly over Hawaiian Paradise Park... why ANY copter does...over the Forest reserve, sure, but not the Park itself, please!
Meriam Corcoran	Ocean View, HI	2017-06-30	The danger factor of something going wrong with a copter flying over public could cost enormous on property owners and the lives lost or injured. This alone should be an intelligent reason why helicopters should fly off shore in the first place.
Bridgit Manacchio	Pāhoa, HI	2017-06-30	I live at the lower end of Nanawale. They fly down to my house, do a slow bank, and go back. It looks and feels like a guided tour over the forested areas down here. Noise level is polluting.
Lawrence Reynolds	Mountain View, HI	2017-07-01	I'm in the direct commonly used flight path for the helicopter tours flying from Hilo to the Lava flows in the national park. The noise is constant and very, very loud. I want to see the helicopters re-routed over the Ocean. Me and my neighbors all have health issues due to the constant stress from the noise of these loud machines. Please, can someone represent us?? We voted you in office, so now we will be watching to see how you do your job. Mahalo, Lawrence Reynolds
Alice S. Lee	Pasadena, CA	2017-07-01	Someone needs to be in control and assert pressure to control the health hazardous conditions these flights are causing.
Susan Blankenbecler	Pāhoa, HI	2017-07-01	I lived in California in the 70s when there were helicopters looming over head day and night. It felt very dark and oppressive.
Benjamin Ruggaber	Pāhoa, HI	2017-07-01	The noise and frequency of flights completely ruins the beauty of the island.
sharon walker	keaau, HI	2017-07-01	These helicopters fly directly over my house and very low too. Not caring whos privacy they invade or how loud they are. These pilots are very rude and do not care. Its all about the \$\$\$.
Spiro Theofilatos	ASTORIA, NY	2017-07-01	I recently moved to Puna from NY city, looking for peace and serenity only to find helicopters flying over my house daily. NOT OK.
Starr Miller	Madison, MS	2017-07-02	I think the islanders have a right to quiet.... Maybe the coppers could work out a time frame that they could fly.....then everybody wins and are happy.

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Scott Baker	Hilo, HI	2017-07-06	Better flight paths may be available that will allow tourist flights and allow residents to avoid excessive noise.
Karl Mendonca	Hilo, HI	2017-07-06	The Hawaii and it's residents have been dis-respect for all too long by helicopter tours. For over 30 years the environmental and social impacts have steadily increased to the point of destroying paradise. The voices and concerns of residents have been ignored and now we turn to our elected representatives to finally protect and save Hawaii from the devastating impacts of helicopter tours. Helicopter Tours demonstrates the total lack of respect for Hawaii, its land, people and culture. Fact 1: Helicopter Tours are the number one cause of noise pollution in Hawaii. Noise pollution from Helicopter tours exceeds noise pollution from all other tourist activities combine. Fact 2: Helicopter Tours generate more air pollution per tourist than any other tourist activity. What makes both of these facts more disgusting is that the noise and air pollution are directly targeted at Hawaii's most scenic and tranquil sites as well as residential homes. Hawaii is not an amusement Park for dis-respectful polluting "jo
Kathleen Boyd	Hilo, HI	2017-07-06	It's the right thing to do for Hawaii residents who suffer from noise and disturbances from the choppers.
Nelson Ho	Hilo, HI	2017-07-07	Stop the noisy, noxious air tour industry.
Alberto Salazar	Haiku, HI	2017-07-07	Tour helicopter noise is irritating, stressful, and induces high blood pressure, which in turn causes many health issues. Tour helicopter noise is also unnecessary. They don't have to fly as low as they do.
Kauai Trainer	Hilo, HI	2017-07-07	Helicopters fly over my farm constantly! It is a real nuisance! Please support this petition to require change in their flight path!
Richard Costello	Pāhoa, HI	2017-07-07	There is no reason the helicopters need to fly over residential areas.
Sharron Cushman	Pahoa, HI	2017-07-07	Time to respect those living here. No more flights over residential areas. Start restricting the number of daily flights that are impacting people and animals.
Jason Shafer	Hilo, HI	2017-07-08	Because I live in there flight paths on 30th, and it's a constant irritation.
donald carpenter	Honolulu, HI	2017-07-08	if there was a meeting in hilo, in the near future, inviting all big island residents, local legislators, senators, ex, helicopter company's reps, would you come ???
Susan Rosier	Pāhoa, HI	2017-07-08	Enough already. It would be so much better if they flew over the ocean instead of over our heads barely above the trees! The constant noise is so irritating and sometimes cannot even hear on the telephone. Really tourists would much rather view the ocean than our rooftops!
Charlie Bass	Princeville, HI	2017-07-08	Noise pollution in Hawaii from air tours should not be tolerated. Please help.

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Jaymeson Sanchez	Dublin, CA	2017-07-09	Please stop this. Our house up in mt.voew and my parents have daily flights all day long over our property.
Stacy Sproat-Beck	Kilauea, HI	2017-07-10	I suffer from this same problem on Kaua`i
LaVonne Baker	Kirkland, HI	2017-07-10	I lived in Leilani Estates. The helicopter noise was too much.
Robert Moller-Roll	Keaau, HI	2017-07-10	Both residents and visitors to Hawai'i island should be able to enjoy paradise peacefully. Helicopter tours are very expensive and are not affordable to only the very wealthy. They are a luxury tour and are causing more harm than benefit
Jack Thornton	Papaikou, CA	2017-07-12	The noise is unbearable and disruptive to everyone.
jake owsley	Estill Springs, CO	2017-07-13	Operators, after numerous requests to fly over nonpopulated areas, see only their own profits ahead of all else. We watch helicopters intentionally fly lower over areas where there has been complaints. They have had ample opportunity to curb their noise.
Wendy Barske	Mt. View, HI	2017-07-13	As I was reading a few comments that were posted four helicopters have flown over my house. It is very invasive especially as some of them are very low. Would be nice if changes could be made.
Katie Thomas	Australia	2017-07-13	Residents must always be prioritized over tourists. People have the right to peace and tranquility in their own homes and this must be defended against corporate or elite greed.
Linda Correia	Hilo, HI	2017-07-13	I am tired of these huge machines over my home morn to till night!! I live in Hilo Hawaii many homes !! Tour companies have no regards for home owners they are babies the sick who cannot even take a nap !!! Walls and windows rattle some are noiser then others like so loud it sounds like it's falling apart, and Scarry what happens if these huge machines come down mechanical problems, and it has happened many times but what if it's downed in our neighborhoods on our homes !!!
M. Eileen O'Hara	Hilo, HI	2017-07-13	I support this petition
Sheryl Rawson	Hilo, HI	2017-07-13	I have helicopters flying over my house daily, somet,es five or ten ti,es in the space of a few hours. It is noisy and not peaceful at all, as Hawaii is supposed to be. Many friends compare about this as well.
Mike Egan	Mountain View, HI	2017-07-13	Because we are tired of being awakened as early as 5:00 am by these helicopters. Because we are tired of having conversations interrupted and having to keep repeating due to these helicopters. Because I'm tired of having my recordings interrupted in the middle and having to do it all over. Because we are tired of hearing a hundred helicopters flying over head all day long, with as many as 5 at one time!!!I don't think it is right that these helicopters should be making a ton of money at our expense, all day long 7 days a week. We moved here to get away from city life and have some peace and quite, and now we're becoming angry this crap continues.

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Thomas Walsh	Hilo, HI	2017-07-13	I live along side the Wailuku River in Hilo and am constantly bombarded with the irritating loud noise of the helicopter over flights from daybreak until sunset. Do something about it!!!
Elizabeth Hansen	Hakalau, HI	2017-07-13	We need the respect people's space which includes removing noise pollution.
Debra Phillips	Pahoa, HI	2017-07-13	Please respect our rights and the need for safety...Please
James J Lynch	Las Vegas, NV	2017-07-13	I support these families living in an area that has constant noise from the helicopters. I lived in an area that our house was in a flight pattern of the landing strip. Every three minutes it was so loud you could not hear someone talking you, who was standing next to you.
Stephanie Vigorito	Mountain view, US	2017-07-13	My family's farm is directly under the flight path of constant tour helicopter traffic. As I write this at 6:35am there is a Blue Hawaii helicopter passing low above our farm, and the noise will go on all day. Please move all this tour traffic off shore and keep it safely away from our homes!!!
Michael Wozniak	Federal Way, WA	2017-07-13	I'm very tired of the helicopter noise DIRECTLY over my house when one mile out from my house is open ocean. Enough is enough!
David Hansen	Mountain View, HI	2017-07-14	These nearly constant overflights of my home has ruined my life & my health. I am in a constant state of anxiety. I am a disabled senior & cannot even take a nap during the day. One cannot relax, watch tv, or listen to audiobooks or radio.
Harry Widdifield	Pāhoa, HI	2017-07-14	Overflight noise.
Candi Johnson	Keaau, HI	2017-07-15	Our Orchidland home is heavily and negatively impacted by the tour helicopters. In addition, there are negative effects in our livestock and agricultural livelihood. At times the noise level is so high that people right next to each other are unable to hold a normal conversation here. The level of stress from this noise pollution is at times unbearable. Last Sunday the helicopters started crossing directly over the house AT 5:30 AM!! That is simply unacceptable.
kelly hager	Dallas, TX	2017-07-15	After spending time in the magical Halawa valley with one of the residents, I realized that the helicopters might be fun for tourists, but are disrupting life for people living in these spots. Flying off shore would at least keep them from flying over people's homes and land.
Natasha Wong Yuen	Mountain View, HI	2017-07-15	i work late nites and the noise from the helicopters (5-10) wakes me all day long. I need more sleep.
William Steiger	Mountain View, HI	2017-07-16	hicop.org appreciates your support! You are a true leader who cares about the people you represent. Your support means a lot to us! Mahalo!
Lani Hink	Vineburg, CA	2017-07-16	It's difficult to believe this situation has gone on so long with absolutely nothing done. Perhaps it's time to look for the reasons these helicopter tour companies GET so much and don't even pay GET taxes. The laws need to be changed and our elected officials

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			have been unresponsive. Would this have something to do with Hawaii Air Tour Helicopter Compy contributions to their election campaigns?
Jon Vigorito	Mountain View, HI	2017-07-16	The FAA has failed in every way to monitor the helicopter tour industry on the Big Island. Being the only agency with the authority to regulate the airspace over our homes and businesses, this has to change. The FAA must be held accountable. They are receiving our tax dollars but choosing to shirk their responsibilities entirely when dealing with the helicopter tour industry.
David Berg	Tampa, FL	2017-07-16	I'm signing because we need noise regulation over neighborhoods as it not only ruins home values, they meed the noise control and privacy. Also have to start thinking about drone traffic as well.
La'ahia Farms Keliikuewa	Mountain View, HI	2017-07-17	It's time to STOP EXPLOITING HAWAI'I ISLANDS! There is No reason for helicopter tours to be flying over residential homes, National Parks, Natural Area Reserves, and Forest Preservations. On the island of Hawai'i we are blessed to have the Native Hawaiian Hawk that frequently flies above our homes throughout the day. This Native and endangered bird is constantly disturbed by these low flying helicopters. When these tour helicopters fly over our home our house sometimes shakes as if we were at an airport and instead I live in the mountains! None of these companies are honest about flying too low they don't want to do anything to work with the local people here nor do they help with our communities . Their pilots are breaking the law everyday and they know it. It's unfortunate that these companies don't excercise Aloha. They obviously don't care about the local communities and that's their downfall. All we ask is for all helicopter tour companies to fly around taking the coastline route. We live on an island af
Tammy Davis	Kapaa, HI	2017-07-19	The noise is too much for local residents. It feels like an assault when it begins in the morning. They can look from the ocean and see the beauty of Kauai. It seems like too much noisy invasion of our special places on Kauai for both locals and tourists alike. Please put more limits on helicopters and drones!
Melissa Snyder	Santa Monica, CA	2017-07-19	The helicopters wake my children from their naps making this already tired mom even more tired. Tourists viewing is less important than sleep for moms and kids.
William Steiger	Mountain View, HI	2017-07-20	We couldn't agree more!
Rick Turner	Honolulu, HI	2017-07-27	I am very proud of Bob Ernst and the Members of HICop for their progressive, necessary and productive actions to stop these Helicopter Tour Companies from flying over our homes, businesses and schools. These tour helicopter companies are destroying our health by giving us cancer with their Poison exhaust and gas vapors. Decreasing the Value of our Homes and Businesses with constant noise intrusions. They continuously violate FAA Rules and Regulations when it comes to flying below a 1,000 feet. The tour helicopter companies needs to be immediately regulated to fly 5 miles away from the ocean shoreline and at least 2,500 feet high. Therefore, these companies will not be around any homes and destroying the quality of all our lifes.

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Mary Ann Saindon	Keaau, HI	2017-08-07	This disrupts my daily life - constantly. Can't sleep late on the weekends, can't enjoy my yard w/o constant noise, can't find any peace & quiet. Why does sightseeing by tourists mean more than a resident's right to peace & quiet on their own property? Why must I interrupt phone conversations when the choppers pass by? Why must I turn up the volume on my TV when the choppers pass by? Why can't I take a nap without choppers waking me up? Why can't they fly over the ocean?
Bonnie Miller	Keaau, HI	2017-08-07	Peace shattered--repeatedly. Seven helicopters this morning over my house in 45 minutes.
Elizabeth Bush	Kamuela, HI	2017-08-08	I love my island.
Kat Ahin	Hilo, HI	2017-08-08	We are constantly bombarded with helicopter noises every single day, at least 1 flying over our home every single hour in Mountain View and it takes away our serenity of being at home in our neighborhood! Make them stop so we can be at peace without this awful noise pollution!!!
Ronald Mason	McKinney, TX	2017-08-09	...numerous flights daily over my property cause me to have to call people back because I'm on the phone, or the noise just doesn't allow me to rest if I want to...I just want peace and quite...
Sharon Lee	Pāhoa, HI	2017-08-09	The endless sound of helicopters, all day, every day, frequently one every 5 minutes. That works out to over 100 per day. This constant noise is detrimental to my overall health I live in upper Ainaloa. They are supposed to be flying neighborly, but they don't. Once again it is about the money. It is important not to let them push us around any longer.
vincent callagher	Keaau, HI	2017-08-16	This is physical assault on all nature. Animal and human existence. Please protect all life from sound pollution.Thankyou
John Renauer	PAHOA, HI	2017-08-16	I'm in the direct route to the lava entry from Hilo.
Mary Monroe	Keaau, HI	2017-08-16	Tour helicopters fly directly over my property all day, every day, sometimes very low. They start very early in the morning and go late into the day and even the evening sometimes. It is absolutely horrible and completely impacts my day to day life and sense of peace and well being.
Kapualani Abreu	Keaau, HI	2017-08-16	Something needs to be done. Paradise in not paradise with all the noise.
Jasmine Steiner	Pahoa, HI	2017-08-16	I'm signing because all of my life here my family and I have suffered from the disturbances of these low flying loud helicopters. Enough is enough destroying our peace on our private lands for their own personal gain.
Ha Underwood	Miami, US	2017-08-16	After my Jan-March 2017 Hilo stay, my 2 month trip to the SF Bay Area turned into a 3 month trip. I could have come back last week. By the time I left in March, I was not myself. I was yelling at the sky like a mad person . I think I know how PTSD begins. It's more peaceful on the mainland, which is STUNNING to me. Twenty million

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Bill Miller	Hilo, US	2017-08-16	When they are at 1500 feet or higher I don't bother with a response but when they are lower they get the double bird international call sign and the occasional moon shot. Blue Hawaiian Helicopters is consistently lower 1500 feet.
Nanci Munroe	Keaau, HI	2017-08-17	Helicopters over my house daily, do not abide by 500' height limit!
D Loa	Kailua-Kona, HI	2017-08-18	I support any motion to Malama 'āina.... Stop raping our lands for your PERSONAL financial gains- A'ole Pono!
Betty Easley	Kailua-Kona, HI	2017-08-18	Constantly flying over my house
Christopher McCullough	Hōlualoa, HI	2017-08-18	Noise pollution over our paradise is unacceptable and disturbing.
Nohealani Kaawa	Naalehu, HI	2017-08-18	These choppers have also been illegally landing and giving tours on remote and private beach properties within the Ka'ū district. Stop the air traffic, its too noisy and we are loosing the way we connect to nature because of that distraction.
Cynthia Thomas	Hilo, US	2017-08-18	yeah they fly over my house all day long, some very low, my walls vibrate. as soon as i hear one heli, i know another one will be flying over as well in less than five minutes. always a pair. i dont mind when they fly high but them bluw hawn helicopters are the worst they always flyover low, maybe 200 ft above tree level?
cynthia massa	Hilo, HI	2017-08-18	EVERY DAY I HAVE TO HEAR THIS NOISE from sunup to sundown. STOP
Susan Norman-Jones	Cave Junction, OR	2017-08-18	Animals and birds are bothered by the noise pollution also.
Barbara Cornelius-Davis	Na'alehu, Hawaii, HI	2017-08-19	The constant movement of helicopters flying over my home in WAIOHINU Ka'u every day and early evening for their companies financial benefits has got to end ! We here in the real country of big island watch as many of these lawless tour companies terrorise our community with the constant back and forth, always right over my house or a bit this or that , please help our community , they need to fly over the ocean not over my house

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Jayne Dator-Freeman	FPO AP, CA	2017-08-19	Helicopter tours need to be regulated. The regular noise takes away from our peace and tranquility. Noise pollution Affects our health and well being.
Jordan Anger	Ocean View, HI	2017-08-20	It's the right thing to do! Go fly over the water not peoples homes!
Ivan Jokain-Witcha	Naalehu, HI	2017-08-22	Not infrequently the helicopters fly below the minimum elevation required. this makes the problem even more annoying.
Gary Harrold	Hilo, HI	2017-08-24	More noise = more stress = more autoimmune diseases=more burden on our health care system {Sirens, mowers, barking dogs, rude loud vehicles, Hawaiian Airlines flying over Hilo - the noise is horrendous. Stop it!
Jennifer Ruggles	Mt. view, HI	2017-09-10	The helicopter noise has gotten out of hand in Puna. Please allow our residents to enjoy the peace and quiet they deserve in their homes.
Brad Coffel	Pāhoa, HI	2017-09-10	We should not have to suffer while others are profiting!
Melissa Smith	Mountain View, HI	2017-09-10	I am signing because the erratic loud noise disturbs me, my family, my animal and causes stress to all. There is a simple solution !
christy ceraso	Pahoa, HI	2017-09-10	Peace and quiet is my need as a creature of the Earth and a human right. Some peoples desire to make money does not override that need and right for peace and quiet.
Roy Lozano	Pāhoa, HI	2017-09-10	I don't want flights of any sort over my home on Pohoiki rd. Period. Greedy tour operators should honor the people and take paths off shore for all tours.
Vinceanna DePolo	Makawao, HI	2017-09-10	The noise bothers me!! Please fly more off shore!!!
Patrick McNulty	Mountain View, HI	2017-09-11	We get to the point of almost wanting it to rain every day because when the weather is bad they won't allow the helicopters to fly. The noise is becoming almost unbearable. These helicopters are flying so low in some cases you can tell what color shirts the pilots are wearing. My understanding is they are supposed to stay up at least 1000 feet some of these aren't even up 300 something has got to change.
Louise Teasdale	Pahoa, HI	2017-09-11	Air pollution. They fly way to low.
Sylvia Dolena	Pahoa, HI	2017-09-11	Helicopter noise is very stressful and disruptive to normal life here.
Ivo Miller	Kapaa, HI	2017-09-12	Dangerous behavior. Noise Pollution
Susan Smith	Wonder Lake, IL	2017-09-12	I care####
Michelle Stava	keaaau, HI	2017-09-12	Helicopters start flying over our home every morning at 7am and don't stop till after dark. This is not what it was like when we bought our property. We wanted peace and quiet! They can fly along the coast and not disturb the local people who get no benefit, just noise pollution. They fly over our homes to save time and gas. This should be a cost of business, or the money should get put into the local

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			area in the way of infrastructure. Otherwise we should not have to deal with their noise!
Kami Hinger	Denver, CO	2017-09-12	As a visitor of Hawaii, I do not want its beauty disrupted.
Robert Bogle	Pahoa, HI	2017-09-12	And put exhaust mufflers on them!
Michael Christopher	Pahoa, HI	2017-09-12	I'm tired of you flying over my head day and night.
Carolyn Okonek	Hilo, HI	2017-09-12	Noise pollution is very abusive. At least 10 times a day these helicopters fly overhead! Please make them go off shore!
chere fenton	rockaway, OR	2017-09-14	They have harassed residents for decades, enough is enough ! I have had them fly so low over our house, that they topped a tree and almost crashed in our orchard ! It is only weed, spend that money where it counts, catch the meth, heroin and crack dealers !! Leave the medical patients alone !! Disgusting display of government over spending for BS !!
joann bessinger	logan, UT	2017-09-15	Flights over residential areas can cause unnecessary noise invade privacy and can be a hazard if the helicopter should have any mal function.
Diana Leighland	Pāhoā, HI	2017-09-15	I live near the lava flowing into the ocean and they fly tourists low and slow right over my house! Operators are not respecting homeowners privacy. What happened to our Quiet Skies initiative?
Karina Carvajal	Hilo, HI	2017-09-15	Karina Carvajal
Claudia Zirolì	Mountain View, HI	2017-09-17	We generally have about 2 helicopters every 8-10 minutes flying over our house.I have eventually gotten use to the ones that are flying at regulation elevations.. But the problem is that many, many of them are flying significantly lower than regulation. It is invasive and oppressive. Why should residents have to deal with the helicopter company's business/profits at the expense of our rights as property owners and Hawai`i residents? (While I typed this short message, one helicopter flew from the eruption and one is currently flying directly overhead!)
Patrick Ryan	Media, PA	2017-09-22	I've recently moved to Hawaii. The helicopters ruin the nature of Hawaii, nature and more are highly disturbed. Please go back to Babylon with helicopter GREED - DO NOT BRING BABYLON HERE.
Robert Coster	Keaau, HI	2017-09-22	Seems tours have actually increased since HI-CoP has started to bring light to the situation. We're getting more overflights lately for sure.
Alex Shade	North Bend, OR	2017-09-29	The noise is definitely too much. No reason not to fly offshore!
Heidi Fickinger	Hilo, HI	2017-09-30	The frequency of low altitude helicopter tour flights over Hawai'i have escalated to epidemic proportions. Flights occur directly over houses with a complete lack of respects for the community in the Hilo area daily. There is no other form of tourism that is allowed to adversely impact local residents in this manner. It is time to force these companies to act in a more responsible manner.

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Kahualani Aitken	US	2017-10-01	The noise from helicopters is invasive.
Elisabeth Kerekgyarto	Pahoa, HI	2017-10-13	There's no need to fly so low over people's houses! Show some Aloha!
Michael Croes	Austin, TX	2017-10-15	I live in Kalapana Gardens.. YOU BET I WANT OVER-FLYING STOPPED, and will help vote out any representative who disagrees!